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Sexual contact with vulnerable adult family home resident leads state to revoke credential of certified nursing assistant in Edmonds

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has permanently revoked the credential of an Edmonds certified nursing assistant due to sexual misconduct. The agency's Nursing Assistant Program took the action against Thomas Perez Orate (NAC.NC.10022538).

In November of 2011, the agency charged Orate with sexual misconduct and suspended his license. Orate waived his right to a hearing. The order permanently revoking Orate's license completes the process. Orate cannot practice in Washington or seek reinstatement of his credential(s).

In August of 2011, Orate rubbed an adult family home resident's neck and back, and touched her breasts. He put his hand inside her pants, touched her inappropriately, and said he wanted to have sexual intercourse with her. He tried to force her to perform oral sex on him and suggested they go to another room where there was a bed.

The statement of charges, summary action order, and final order are available online by clicking the link to [Provider Credential Search](#) on the [Department of Health home page](#) (www.doh.wa.gov/) or by calling 360-236-4700. Anyone who believes a health care provider acted unprofessionally is encouraged to call that number to report their complaint.

The state Department of Health Nursing Assistant Program regulates certified nursing assistants and registered nursing assistant's in Washington. The program establishes, monitors, and enforces qualifications for licensing, consistent standards of practice, continuing competency mechanisms and discipline. Rules, policies and procedures promote the delivery of quality health care to state residents.

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